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BRIEFING NOTE TO THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

NOTE D'INFORMATION AU MINISTRE DE LA SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE ET DE LA PROTECTION CIVILE

ISSUE:

To provide information regarding the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)'s position on the National Crime Agency (NCA) proposal to establish an International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre (IACCC) at the upcoming Anti-Corruption Summit on May 12, 2016, and the associated request for a resource from the RCMP to support this commitment.

BACKGROUND:

David Cameron, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom is hosting an Anti-Corruption Summit on May 12, 2016, in London. One of the key deliverables of the Summit will be to incorporate "practical measures to enhance international law enforcement cooperation." The aim will be to deliver a more effective approach to the investigation of grand corruption and identification of stolen assets through the creation of an IACCC. Grand Corruption can be defined generally as: Corruption that pervades the highest levels of a national Government, leading to a broad erosion of confidence in good governance, the rule of law and economic stability. (UN Anti-Corruption Toolkit)

Some of the key functions of the IACCC would include: providing support to countries alleging grand corruption by conducting initial assessments and deploying experts offering mentoring assistance; and working closely with Interpol and Europol, suggesting investigative steps and coordinating the global enforcement response.

It has been proposed that the key functions of the IACCC would also be the international exchange, law enforcement coordination and analysis of financial and other intelligence; provision of technical support to countries seeking assistance in tackling corruption incidents; and brokering and coordination of substantive law enforcement action from relevant "coalition of the willing" countries, on a case by case basis.

The goal for the IACCC is to encourage that corruption crimes are effectively investigated and assets traced expeditiously, in parallel, across multiple jurisdictions.

The Summit organizers have indicated that their intention will be to convince the participating countries to agree to and sign a Summit Declaration that will commit them to both support the IACCC and provide resources/personnel to locate in an IACCC central office (housed within the NCA) in the UK.

The proposal is for the IACCC to be fully operational and staffed by March 2017, and the NCA has stated that it would like to have the commitment of all Five Eyes partners going into the Summit.

CURRENT STATUS:

Over the last few weeks, the NCA has distributed several documents for review and comments, which have included: Terms of Reference (ToR); Communiqué; Statement of Intent; Concept Paper; and Country Commitments. In consultation with GAC, the RCMP has provided comments to the NCA through GAC, that has been leading and coordinating the dialogue with other key federal government partners.



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Once the RCMP receives the finalized Terms of Reference, a determination may be made with respect to resourcing requirements for the long-term support of the initiative.

The RCMP continues to work together with GAC and Five Eyes partners in order to develop alternate service delivery models, such as representation on an ad hoc basis, in support of the IACCC concept.

TALKING POINTS:

The RCMP fully supports the concept of the IACCC and what it is seeking to achieve.

The RCMP will work with others to establish an International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre. Additional details for the ToR have been sought as it is understood that the ToR document has not yet been finalized.

The RCMP will provide resources to the IACCC on an ad-hoc basis. Once final ToRs are received, a determination may be made with respect to the long-term resourcing of the initiative from an RCMP perspective.

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